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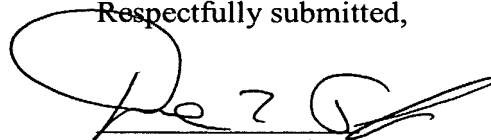
German Utility Patent Publication No. DE-299 12 315 appears disclose a vehicle seat with a convertible seat portion as seen in Figure 1. This reference was cited in the PCT search report as being particularly relevant to claims 8 and 9 of the corresponding PCT application.

German Patent Publication No. DE 43 44 812 appears disclose a reclining child seat as seen in Figure 1. The seat device has a seat part (1) and a backrest (2). These both have guiding and fixing elements (4, 5, 6). This reference was cited in the PCT search report as being relevant to claims 1, 25 and 43 of the corresponding PCT application.

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 642 949 appears disclose appears disclose a device for fastening a child car seat. This device comprises a male member (10) with an end fitting (13), a female member (20), a fastening mechanism (30), a lock with a catch (41) and a bolt (42) and an operating member attached to the bolt (42). This device allows two different relative positions of inclination for the axes (100, 200) while ensuring that the lock is held fast in the locked position. This reference was cited in the PCT search report as being particularly relevant to claims 1, 5, 6 and 25 of the corresponding PCT application.

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 516 495 appears disclose a child seat that is integrated into a cushion (11) of a motor vehicle main seat (10). The seat has a support element (14) formed by part of the cushion (11) that is brought into the erected use position by rotation about a transverse axis. The support element (14) has modules (26-27) which can be folded out in the direction for supporting the body sections of the child passenger. This reference was cited in the PCT search report as being particularly relevant to claims 1, 3-5, 12, 16, 17 25-31, 35, 36 and 40-42 of the corresponding PCT application.

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